



MAINE MELANGE.

**A Useful Hound Discovered in Aroostook County.**

**Matters of Interest in Different Places in Maine.**

**Aroostook.**  
Mr. Anthony White, of this village, has a hound that leads a life of usefulness quite in contrast with that of the average Presque Isle canine, says the *Star-Herald*. This dog hauls his master, to and from his work, a distance of several miles, night and morning, and has also done good service hauling cedar sleepers, from four to five being a fair load for him.

**Camden.**  
The new Walker art building at Bowdoin College will be one of the most notable educational structures in Maine—massive and imposing in its architecture.

Thursday a can of corn that was packed by Mr. J. H. Barberich for the Portland Packing Company in 1883, was opened and the corn was found in fine condition.

**Kennebunk.**  
Three prominent business men of Gardiner were sued Thursday, by order of representatives of the United States National Bank at Atchinson, Kan., a bank which swallowed up considerable Maine money several years ago. One of the writs was for \$1800, and two were for \$1,900 each. The gentlemen have retained counsel, and will ascertain the authority by which they have been sued. One of them sold his stock some time ago.

**Index.**  
There is some talk about the Camden electric railroad being extended to Northport commencing grounds by next summer, and from thence on to Belfast. There is hardly a doubt but that Rockland and Belfast will be thus joined in a year or two at least. Many of the summer residents along the Belfast road are opposed to having the electric cars partially monopolize one of the most charming drives on the whole coast of Maine, while others think this lovely shore road will not be impaired as a driveway by the half hourly passage of an electric train. It will certainly be a great convenience and pleasure to those who do not own a coach a four, to jump on the electric and enjoy Camden's bay and island scenery on the one hand, and her hills and mountains on the other.

**Piscataquis.**  
The Dover *Observer* understands that the Perham hill slate quarry at Brownville has been purchased by Boston parties, who will commence operating in early in the spring.

**Somerset.**  
The dedication of the new Waverly mill at Pittsfield, will occur February 22.

AGRICULTURAL.

**The Oat Crop.**  
A Bucksport correspondent of the New England Farmer writes: It is conceded that there is no crop among the cereals which tends to impoverish the land so fast as oats.

I wish to give my method of raising oats for the purpose of experimenting whether it tends to impoverish or increase the productiveness of the soil.

The land is situated on a hill. The soil is what is termed a gravelly or stony loam and is dry and early. Seven years ago this fall I plowed this ground. Having raised a crop of fodder corn on it that season, the land was in a fair condition.

About the 20th of April, the following spring, I plowed it again, and sowed it to oats, taking special pains to harrow thoroughly. This course I have followed year after year, having never used any fertilizer during the seven years.

The crop has yielded well each year. This fall I harvested about forty bushels to the acre. The land has always been sufficiently dry to plow and sow in the latter part of April, consequently the oats have ripened and been housed every year sometime during the month of August.

I cut the grain with a hand scythe leaving the stubble from six to eight inches high or higher, if possible.

As soon as convenient after the grain is harvested I plow in the stubble, taking special pains that the work is done in a thorough manner. In the spring I plow again about six inches deep. As soon as the land is dry, I harrow and sow the oats, sowing about three and one-half bushels per acre.

I then harrow the grain using a spring tooth harrow, leaving the land in a thoroughly pulverized condition. I have followed this course for seven years and intend to follow it for years to come or until I learn from actual experience that oats do impoverish the land.

**Soiling and Soiling Crops.**  
The Storrs school experiment station has issued a bulletin, the above subject. It says that under the soiling system more stock can be kept on a given acreage than by pasturing; much of the expense of fencing is saved; nearly all of the food given is available for the formation of products as there is no waste of energy in searching for food; and the manure can be preserved free from soiling.

The best crops for soiling are those rich in nitrogenous matter or protein. Although smaller crops are usually obtained with the legumes, clover, peas, etc., than with fodder corn, the fodder from the legumes is much richer in nitrogen and hence of more value in the production of milk, cheese, butter and beef. The legumes, being nitrogen collectors, are able to obtain much of their food supply from the air and subsoil. They add to the fertility of the soil by the decay of their roots, stubble and leaves, which are left in and upon the soil when the crop is harvested.

The more extended use of fodder crops like the clover, field pea, cow pea, vetch and alfalfa, is a matter that should receive the thoughtful attention of farmers. These crops can all be grown in Connecticut, and with the exception of vetch, have been successfully grown and fed at the station during the past four years.

**On Fodder Crops.**  
With vetch, cow pea, and clover, the

best results on quantity and quality of the products were obtained where rations with relatively large amounts of protein were fed. The experiments seem to indicate that rations containing a larger proportion of digestible protein than that called for by the commonly accepted standards are to be preferred. Large nitrogenous rations are especially important early in the period of lactation, when the productive capacity of the cow is most heavily taxed. The quantity and quality of the products may be improved by the use of foods rich in protein, and the manure is more valuable than where starchy foods are fed.

In these experiments when clover was fed the amounts of milk and butter were considerably increased, and the percentages of fat were higher than during the Hungarian grass test just before and after those with clover. The average product from four cows during the first series of clover tests (August 10, 14 and 18) of 1891, was 281 pounds of milk, and 16 1/2 pounds of butter, and the average percentage of fat was 5.3 per cent.; while for the Hungarian tests (August 3 and 27) the average quantity of milk was 249 pounds, and of butter 12.9 pounds, and the average percentage of fat five per cent.

Analysis of Some Cattle Foods

Prof. Jordan, Director of the Experiment Station, gives the following analysis of samples of cattle foods sent to the station for examination for food nutrients. The linseed meal was a sample of the Cleveland linseed meal purchased in a car lot from the manufacturers' agent. The "feed flour" was sampled from stock on sale in hands of dealers. Pratt's Food is a medicinal food found on sale by all dealers in grain food, and extensively sold in the cities to those who keep but a single horse or cow.

Linseed Meal, sent by Z. A. Gilbert.  
Feed Flour, sent by Z. A. Gilbert.  
Flour Sweepings, sent by E. F. Roundy, North Hermon.  
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Pratt's Food, sent by A. C. Chandler, New Gloucester:

	Moisture	Ash	Protein N x 6.25	Fiber	Nitrogen Free extract	Fat
Linseed Meal	9.05	5.50	59.94	7.28	35.27	5.98
Feed Flour	7.32	3.21	50.81	1.35	50.44	4.39
Flour Sweepings	11.25	3.50	10.93	1.39	72.08	1.95
"	3.90	15.29	9.19	1.50	59.33	5.32
Pratt's Food	12.34	0.79	12.75	5.91	56.80	5.34

The above analyses of cattle foods call for no special comment with the exception of Pratt's food for horses and cattle. There are several weighty reasons why this food should receive careful consideration.

(1) It is sold at the rate of \$120 per ton.

(2) Its manufacturers claim that it prevents nearly all of the common diseases and disorders to which farm animals are subject, that it is, besides, a preventive of certain serious contagious diseases, that it produces richer milk and more of it, that animals fatten quickly when it is fed, and that it gives to horses greater powers of endurance.

If the manufacturers of this material have succeeded in combining a food that in relation to disease has such a high preventive and remedial influence, and in its relation to the nutrition of an animal produces the highly valuable results which appear to be claimed by their circulars, they should be classed among the benefactors of the age. It must be confessed, however, that the advertised claims of this food exceed the credible and pass into the absurd.

This becomes all the more evident when we consider what the food is. It has received a careful examination at this station, and while we are not prepared to say that it does not contain minute quantities of substances which we have not discovered, we have become convinced that its composition does not warrant its purchase at any unusual price. The results of our examination are as follows:

(1) The food has the appearance of being chiefly ground bran or shorts, and is undoubtedly what it appears to be.

(2) The food contains a small amount of fennelreek, an aromatic seed supposed to have mild medicinal properties.

(3) It contains something less than three per cent. of common salt.

(4) The quantities of any other substances which it may contain are so small as not to be easily discovered. It is the opinion of those examining the food that no other compounds exist in it save those which are the proper constituents of any food.

(5) The analysis of the food gives about the same figures that we should expect from bran or shorts, with a somewhat smaller percentage of protein than these milling products now contain.

Even if it were found that this food is so compounded as to have, under certain circumstances, a positive medicinal effect, this fact would not constitute a good reason why farmers should purchase and feed it indiscriminately. We no longer believe in quick nostrums that will cure all troubles. The course which the intelligent farmer takes to-day in the treatment of diseased animals is to secure the attendance and advice of a competent veterinarian who will administer remedies suitable to the case in hand. As for the prevention of disease, it is a common experience that all that is ordinarily necessary in cleanliness, good care and proper and sufficient food. If these conditions do not prevail it is useless for the farmer to attempt to remedy the faults in his management by the use of any advertised cure-all, such as the one under consideration. This food may not possess any injurious properties because of the small amount of unusual constituents which it contains, but in the opinion of the writer its purchase at a price exceeding the ordinary cost of commercial cattle foods is a waste of money.

**THE CANAL BILL FINISHED.**  
Senator Sherman Reports it in the Senate—Bonds for \$200,000,000 to be Guaranteed as Safeguards for the Government's Enterprise.

The Nicaragua Canal bill, which has held the attention of the Foreign Relations Committee since the beginning of the session, has at last been completed, and favorably reported by its author, Senator Sherman, who gave notice in the Senate that he would call it up at an early date and endeavor to secure prompt action upon it.

The new bill is drawn on substantially the same lines as the bill reported from the committee to the last Congress. It

that may be taken into account the consideration paid or agreed to be paid to the Nicaragua Construction Company or other parties for expenditures by them, and for the concessions to Nicaragua and Costa Rica, and the total amount, principal and interest, of the bonds that may be issued for the first payment is fixed at \$8,000,000 instead of \$4,000,000, as in the original bill. There is also included in the same section a new provision for the payment to the company of \$1,000,000 interest-bearing bonds, the proceeds of which are to be used as a working capital and applied exclusively to the construction of the canal to be accounted in the settlement and deducted from the total issue of bonds.

Perhaps the most important changes in the bill are those made in the 9th section relative to the issue of stock. In the new bill this is limited to \$1,000,000,000; an amount left blank in the bill (but understood to be \$12,000,000, as proposed, though the blank has not yet been filled) to be retained by the company; the amount stipulated to be delivered to the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica according to the concessions and the remainder to be issued to the United States, full paid and not subject to assessment, to be voted by the President of the United States or his proxy at stockholders' meetings; only three directors are to be selected from the holders of the stock other than that owned by the United States. In the last section an amendment is made so that ten, instead of six, of the fifteen directors shall be appointed by the President of the United States, not more than five of whom shall be appointed from one political party.



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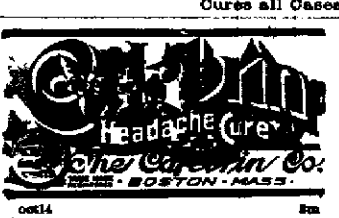
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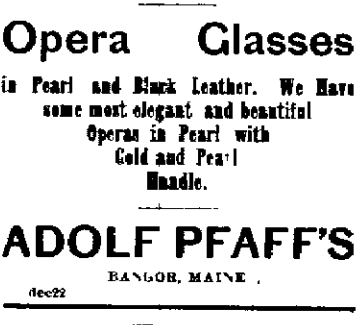


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